

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A component or composition for inducing apoptosis in hepatoma cells, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the component or composition comprises ~~contains~~ enterolactone (ENL) ~~or plant lignan precursor compounds of thereof~~ as active ingredient(s), and has the characteristics of 1) inducing apoptosis in hepatoma cells, 2) arresting the cell cycle of the cells, and 3) ameliorating lipid metabolism abnormalities in living body.
2. (Cancelled).
3. (Currently Amended) A drug for inducing apoptosis in hepatoma cells, ~~characterized in that the drug comprises~~ comprising the component or composition defined in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, and a pharmacologically permissible carrier component.
4. (Currently Amended) A functional food product material or food product for ameliorating lipid metabolism abnormalities in living body, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the food product material or food product ~~contains~~ comprises the component or composition defined in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~ as a functional component.
5. (Currently Amended) The functional food product material or food product according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the functional food product material or food product is a nutritional supplement food product, nutritional agent, therapeutic food product or health food.